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Talks Believed Approved by U. S. U. S. Lawyer to Confer With Castro on POWs

MIAMI, Aug. 13 (UPI)—
New York attorney James B. Donovan is expected to leave

early this week to confer with Fidel Castro on the release of the prisoners of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Mr. Donovan, who was instrumental in getting U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers released from Russia, is reported to have secretly conferred with Attorney General Robert E. Kennedy and had the project approved by the Justice Department.

The New York lawyer's efforts to ransom the bulk of the more than 1100 prisoners of the ill-fated April 1961 invasion had been kept secret for 10 days.

It was reported that Mr. Donovan had made 10 telephone contacts with Cuban

officials and had his trip okayed by Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa.

Exiles in Miami's Cuban colony were hopeful Mr. Donovan's trip will reopen negotiations to free the prisoners.